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In re Patent Application of ) PATENT APPLICATION  
Inventor(s): Edward W. Knowlton )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF )  
COLLAGEN TISSUE )

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed June 13, 2000. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Title:**

Please delete the title and insert -METHOD FOR TIGHTENING LOOSE SKIN BY  
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF COLLAGEN TISSUE BENEATH THE SKIN SURFACE--.

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Please cancel claims 3-7, 13-16 and 28-68.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of treating a loose skin surface overlying a collagen containing tissue site, comprising:

identifying a person suspected of having [a] the loose skin surface;  
providing an energy source with an energy delivery surface;  
positioning the energy delivery surface on the loose skin surface;

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